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CIA PROTEST ROLE

Regents to 'Interview' Bouton

The University of Colorado Board of Regents will interview Asst. Prof. Clark W. Bouton Friday about his part in a demonstration Oct. 25 against the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

The regents had voted to conduct an "investigative hearing" into Bouton's part, if any, in the demonstration. It was to take place at the regents' meeting Saturday.

However, John Holloway, CU resident counsel, said the regents couldn't properly conduct

a hearing or investigation unless some charges were brought against Bouton.

"It's an interview," said Holloway Tuesday. "It's not a hearing. It's not a trial."

Twenty-two students were brought before the University Discipline Committee as a result of the Oct. 25 incident. They had blocked the door to the CU placement bureau, thus preventing a CIA recruiter from conducting job interviews. Nine were suspended.

Most demonstrators were members of the Students for a

Democratic Society (SDS), of which Bouton, a political scientist, is faculty sponsor.

The regents originally instructed a faculty committee to look into Bouton's part in the demonstration. Last month, after it had become clear the faculty committee wasn't going to conduct a hearing, the regents themselves decided to do so.

Regent Daniel F. Lynch revealed Tuesday that Holloway has advised the regents that unless Bouton was actually taking part in the demonstration, he can't legally be fired.

Lynch said he interprets "taking part" to mean helping block the door or directing the youths who did so.

Bouton was at the demonstration but has denied participating in it.

Holloway declined to discuss details of his advice to the regents. He said he didn't want to violate lawyer-client confidentiality.

He said the question of dismissal arises because except for censure it is the only discipline the regents can take against a faculty member. Firing a tenured professor is "a very, very complicated piece of machinery," he said.

Almost since the dust cleared from the demonstration, the regents have wanted to look into Bouton's part in it.

They have had trouble because of the quasi-legal nature of any such investigation.

APPEAL QUESTION

The committee which they originally asked to conduct a hearing is the Faculty Committee on Privilege and Tenure. Its members felt they couldn't start an investigation because if Bouton were threatened with firing he could appeal under university procedure to the same committee.

Lynch, a Boulder Democrat, abstained on last month's vote to call an investigation of Bouton.

"I think what they have in mind is finding out whether there is any ground on which any changes might be made," Lynch said of the other regents. He is one of two Democrats on the six-man board.

BASIS OF VOTE

Lynch said he would base any vote on Bouton on Holloway's legal advice. Thus, he said, unless Bouton actually took part in the demonstration he wouldn't be in favor of any action against him.

Neither Regent Dale M. Atkins, Denver Republican who made the motion to investigate Bouton, nor Joe Coors, Golden Republican who seconded it, could be reached Tuesday morning.

In addition to the regents and Bouton, lawyers for both will be present at the meeting. Holloway represents the regents, and James Nathanson, a University of Denver College of Law assistant professor, is representing Bouton.